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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Friday November 17th. to Monday November 20th. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *SINCE the Rubrick after the Office for Confirmation, ſays, none ſhall be admitted to the Communion till they are ready or deſirous to be Confirmed, and the Rubrick before the ſaid Office, ſays, they muſt be of a Competent Age. I deſire to know whether it is not Mocking of the Ordinance, to admit little Children before they underſtand the Nature of the Covenant, they there ſhould ratify and take upon themſelves, and ſo are unfit for the Sacrament, which according to your Opinion ſhould follow after Confirmation. And likewiſe I deſire to know, whether ſuch when they come to a Competent Age, ought to be Confirmed again. Pray, Reſolve this as ſoon as poſſible, and you will Oblige.*

Your Humble Servant and Subſcriber, &c.

A. The Rite of Confirmation itſelf is indiſputably good and beneficial to the Church, and highly recommended by the Primitive Fathers. For in Expectation of this, they tell us, that Children were ſeaſoned with the Principles of true Religion; before Malice and corrupt Examples depraved their Minds, a good Foundation was laid betimes for Direction of the Courſe of their whole Lives; the Seed of the Church of God was preſerved ſound and ſincere; the Prelates and Fathers of God's Family, to whom the Cure of Souls belonged, ſaw by Tryal and Examination a Part of their own heavy Burthen diſcharged, reaped Comfort by beholding the firſt Beginnings of true Piety in tender Years, glorified him whoſe Praiſe they found in the Mouths of Children, and neglected not ſo fit an Opportunity of giving every one Fatherly Encouragement and Exhortation; to which adding Impoſition of Hands with Prayers and Benedictions they gave a Sign of their Approbation of their Progreſs in Piety, and that they had faithfully performed or ratified the Covenant they had made at their Baptiſm when [illegible] the Orders of our Church relating to [illegible] there can be no reaſonable Objection to [illegible] them Conſidered in themſelves they are certainly good and wholeſome, but whether or no they are duly obſerved which is the only Point the Queriſt grounds his Objections upon) is a Queſtion that no way concerns us to Anſwer.

Q. Gentlemen, *In your Apollo, N° 97. In Anſwer to the Queſtion concerning the Nature of a Tender Conſcience, after you have given the Character of a Man poſſeſſed of it, you mention ſeveral Sorts that are Falſe Pretenders to it.* —— "*All theſe*, ſay, "*are Falſe Pretenders to a Tender Conſcience; and* "*if theſe were cut off we believe there would be but* "*few remaining that would refuſe to Conform.*" *I deſire you would Explain what you mean by* cutting off. *Your ſpeedy Anſwer will Oblige,*

Your Subſcriber, B. E. B.

A. If ſuch as we have there ſpecified are allowed to be Falſe Pretenders to a Tender Conſcience, and yet under that Pretence take upon them to diſturb the Church of God, we cannot ſee why any Conſcientious Man ſhou'd be Jealous of any ſeeming Expreſſions of wholeſome Severity towards them. While they are conſidered under the Notion of Hypocrites and Diſſemblers before God and Man, what Man is there ſo Religious or Charitable as will undertake their Cauſe? Notwithſtanding we declare our meaning was more Innocent and Charitable than we believe the Queriſt ſuſpects, for by *cut off*, we only meant *excepted*. This then being our declared meaning no one can have Reaſon to take Umbrage at the manner of our Expreſſion.

Q. Gentlemen, *I desire your Opinion, whether it wou'd not be more beneficial to the Earth in general for the Sun always to move in the Plane of the Equator than in that of the Ecliptick. In the Beginning of Things there is no doubt but that God placed the Earth in such a Position, and so directed its Motion, as that it might bring the greatest Benefit to the whole Universe. And therefore some Philosophers are of Opinion that in the Paradisaical State, the Earth moved always in the Plane of the Equator, and had its Axis perpendicular thereto; and that upon the Fall of* Adam, *God changed its Situation and Motion for the Curse and Punishment of Mankind. This gave me occasion to desire your Judgment of the Reasonableness of this Notion.*

Yours, &c.

A. The Advantages of such a supposed Situation wou'd be far short of what they are at Present. For by this means there wou'd be no Distinctions of the Seasons of the Year: At the Equator there wou'd be always an intense and unsupportable Heat; at the Poles an Eternal Winter without any Intermission of Frost or Snow; so that almost half the Globe wou'd be uninhabitable. It is certain that different Degrees of Heat are requisite for the Production, Growth and Ripening of most Plants. The Heat required for the Growth of a Vegetable is not sufficient to Ripen and Perfect the Seed of it: On the contrary that Degree of Heat which alone perfects the Seed wou'd quite Wither the Green and Tender Herb. This is obtained by the present Position and Motion of the Earth; but by the other it cou'd not be. The Querist may be more particularly satisfied about this Point, by consulting, *Chap.* 4. of *Keil's Examination of Burnet's Theory of the Earth.*

Q. Gentlemen, *I having a very thick Head of Hair, and the inclos'd Hair is the Length which is near 17 Inches long, it Naturally Curls and with some Artificial helps very well: Be pleased to inform me how I may improve it best, tell how oft it should be Cut, and whom you think the best Cutter, and whether the Moon signifies any thing, if it doth, what time is best. I desire that you would also let me know what Pomatum's or Oyle's, and what Powder's you judge best.* N. B. *'Tis apt being of a strong Nature to draw up, if possible let me know a way to prevent it, and what I most desire is to increase the Length. This being of no use to the Publick, it would be mighty Obliging, if you would give me your Advice in a Letter, directed to be left at* Mr. Carter's, *at the* Rose *and* Crown *in* St. Paul's-Church-Yard, *for your Subscriber, and*

Most Humble Servant, N. A.

A. Tho' you desire a Private Answer, we thought our selves Oblig'd to give a Publick one, to a Question of this Nature, to discourage others from giving themselves the Trouble of sending Queries, the Solution of which might be of great Injury to the Publick: We having often declar'd we thou'd decline giving Answers to all such. You desire us to inform you, how you may order your Tresses in such a Beautiful manner, as the Effects thereof may Ruin all the Peruke-Makers in Town; for shou'd you bring them into such form as you propose to your self, every one that beholds 'em, wou'd doubtless immediately throw away his Wig, in hopes of Rivalling them. And what wou'd be a Thousand Times greater Grievance, you might thereby Monopolize all the Young Beauties, and so bring a Whole Army of *Beaux* upon our backs, for our advice, Nay, *Apollo*, himself desires to be excused, if he is not willing to Sacrifice all his bright Views to the improvement of your Illustrious Locks; tho' he apprehends little danger from the Lining of your Skull, since you are so Solicitous about the covering of it.

Q. Gentlemen, *I Observed lately in a News Paper, that one* Oculist *calls himself,* PRINCIPAL Oculist *to Her* Majesty; *another writes himself* Oculist *in* EXTRAORDINARY *to Her* Majesty. *Now, Pray,* Gentlemen, *which Title do you think most Comprehensive and significant, and greatest Honor to the Bearer.*

A. PRINCIPAL Oculist, is the most significant Title in it self, but we think the other, far more honor'd in his, since we understand, it is given him in his Warrant, by the *Court.* Whereas the first, gives himself that Title; for it is absurd to think he shou'd be stil'd, *PRINCIPAL Oculist*, when there was no other, and as Ridiculous, to think it shou'd be tagg'd to his Title, afterwards.

POEMS.

APOLLO,

Q. *LONG time I have liv'd,*
'Mongst those have thriv'd,
I mean in this turn of the Nation,
So that I much fear,
New course I must Steer,
Forsaking my old Occupation;
For I am a Sot,
If ought can be got,
To profit has any relation,

My calling I'll tell,
Which does with some well,
And Gold in abundance advance, Sir.
But my Cloaths and my Eating,
(So often repeating)
I find by no means, it will answer;
Yet Phœbeans *this,*
The Misery is,
I am by Profession a Dancer.

Many Girls I have brought,
By the Steps I have taught,
To Swim it along with a Grace;
And given them airs,
For Markets and Fairs,
Beyond those of Nobler Race;
But my Trade so decays
That I must seek new ways,
Or not shew much longer my Face.

But

But if I ſhou'd range,
From this courſe and Change,
It muſt not be wide of my calling,
But ſomething of Dancing,
Muſt be my advancing,
The means for my Living to haul in;
Or elſe I no more,
Were ſafe than before,
But awlways in Danger of Falling.

With Labour and Pains,
(Drove on by the Gains)
I've thought of a matter at laſt,
I know cannot Fail,
With wealth to regale,
The Model ſo nicely I've caſt,
That ſhou'd I each day,
Throw Guineas away,
They wou'd be reſtor'd me as faſt.

A Lawyer, *I ſtrait,*
(Tho't be ſomething Late)
I fully reſolve to commence;
If you think my Wit,
The Mark will not hit,
Pray hear what I ſay in defence;
When Young, my Quick ſtrains
Shew abundance of Brains,
Which after wou'd break out in Senſe.

Now Lawyers *you know*
(A Lawyers *now go)*
By Bill and rejoinder and Anſwer;
In which words do throng,
Whether right or wrong,
Or Reaſon, or Nonſenſe, advance, Sir,
What do they the while,
By cuaning and Guile,
But Clients *lead in a long Dance, Sir.*

From one Court t'another,
With Buſtle and Pother,
Theſe Long-Robed Dancers *will trip 'em;*
And then by Demurrer,
And by Writ of Error,
Firſt Coupee, *and back again Skip 'em:*
And then by a Flaw,
Found in common Law,
To Chancery *durable, Whip 'em.*

Now, can you think this,
Will e'er do amiſs,
Belongs to my Sciences ſo Plain;
Or that one can Fly
So ſwiftly as I,
Muſt not many Cauſes Obtain;
Since they who have any,
Sure thoſe that have many,
Muſt needs get abundance of Gain.

If you think my Conſcience
Two Strait-Lac'd——*that's Nonſenſe,*
For a ſmall, narrow Conſcience *I hate;*
And all that are Wiſe,
A ſmall one *deſpiſe,*
As uſeleſs to get an Eſtate;
Not a Lawyer *alive,*
(I mean thoſe who thrive)
Can ſcarcely pretend to as great.

Thus e'ery way fit,
By Genius and Wit,
And back'd with a ſtrong Inclination,
A Conſcience *beſides,*
Will Swim with all Tides
With any Long Robe *of the Nation;*
Pray, tell me, and truly,
If I may not duely,
Whip over to this Occupation.

A. Sure never a Creature,
Was fitted by Nature,
For ſuch a Vocation as you;
Or Modell'd by Art,
To Play ſuch a Part,
And with ſuch apt Principles too;
And were there not one,
Strong Objection alone,
We'd Adviſe yon this Courſe to purſue.

If *Brains* for a Truth,
You had in your Youth,
You might by the *Law* have advanc'd 'em,
If in that Rough Sea,
Where ſuch Tempeſts be,
You earlier thought to have Launc'd 'em,
But we far by that Trade
Of *Cap'ring*, you've made,
That into your *Heels* you have Danc'd 'em.

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SIR,

THE Letters from Lille, November, 19th. Say, That the Armies decamped the 15th, from before Aire, and encamped on this ſide Bethune, the Right of the Duke of Marlborough near La Buſſiere, and the Lefr at Benvre; and Prince Eugene ſtretching the Right of his Army to Calonne; That the 16th, the two Armies Marched through the Plain of Lens, and the Duke of Marlborough paſſed the Canal at Pont-a-Vendin;

din, but Pr. Eugene remain'd with his Army on the other ſide till the 17th in the Morning, when after having paſſed that Canal, the Troops begun to ſeparate; That the Engliſh, Danes and Pruſſians marched the ſame Day for their reſpective Quarters, and were followed the Day after by the other Troops; but Lieutenant General Colyear continues with a great Detachment near the Pontrouge, and Lieutenant General Murray with another at Gourge to ſecure the march of the Heavy Artillery, which is hourly expected from Aire; That on Friday laſt the French Army broke up, and encamp'd behind Aveſna la Comte, from whence they continued their march towards Arras.

London, November the 20th.

There are Letters in Town from Bilboa, dated the 14th Inſtant, N. S. which ſay, King Charles continues with his Army between Madrid and Toledo.

On Thurſday the Scrutiny of the Poll for Members of Parliament for this City was finiſh'd; and the Election was declar'd to be fallen on Sir Wm. Withers, Sir Rich. Hoare, Sir George, and John Caſs, Eſq;

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A General Meeting of the Subſcribers was held at *Sadler's-Hall*, in *Cheapſide*, on *Thurſday*, *October* the 19, 1710, and a Second Six Truſtees were added to the former, to whom Security is given, purſuant to the Propoſals which may be had *Gratis*, at the Office.

MR. *Roger Grant*, OCULIST and OPERATOR, in Extraordinary to Her MAJESTY, who has been ſo ſucceſsful in Couching the Cateract and Curing all other Curable Diſtempers in the Eyes, lives in St. *Chriſtopher's Church-Yard*, where he has lately brought to Sight theſe Perſons under-nam'd. *Wil. Jones*, at *Newington-Buts*, born blind, brought to Sight in 5 minutes. *Suſan Barns*, at Mr. *Haunches*, in the *Broad-way Weſtminſter*, blind 11 Years, brought to Sight in 3 minutes. *Mary Dearing*, in *Swan-Yard* near *Newgate*, aged 75 Years, reſtored to Sight in one Minute. *Elizabeth Wild*, in *Bell-Alley Goſwell Street*, blind of one Eye 23 Years, reſtored to Sight in 5 minutes. *William Dixon*, in *Chelſea-College*, aged 87, reſtor'd to Sight in 5 minutes. *John Myers* on *Saffron Hill*, blind by Obſtruction of the *Optick Nerves*. A Gentlewoman whoſe Mother lives at Juſtice *Conſtables* in *Goodman's-Fields*, the ſame. Mrs. *Jackſon* in *Wood's-Cloſe*, the ſame. Mr. *Williams*, in *Peter-Street Old-Soho*. *Anne Andrews* in *Goſwell-Street*. *Saywell Lathan*, at *Adam's-Coffee-Houſe Chancery-Lane*. *Anne Allen*, in *Nightingal Lane*. NOTE, Theſe with 235 others have been Cur'd ſince *Sept.* 1708 by the aforeſaid Mr. *Grant*.

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